

B2 -- Mention may be made, by way of examples of (A), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22, with the following new paragraph:

B3 -- According to another form of the invention, (A) is a product having two epoxide functional groups, such as, for example, bisphenol A diglycidyl ether (BADGE). --

B4 -- Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25, with the following new paragraph: Mention may be made, by way of examples of (B), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

B5 -- As regards (C) comprising an unsaturated carboxylic acid, mention may be made, by way of example, of the completely or partially hydrolysed (B). (C) is, for example, a copolymer of ethylene and of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and advantageously a copolymer of ethylene and of (meth)acrylic acid. --

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

20. A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

B6 (A) an unsaturated epoxide or a compound different from said unsaturated epoxide and having 2 epoxide functional groups,

(B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.